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THE MINISTRY

Trinity Lutheran Seminary is responsible for training new men for pastorates in the U. E. L. C. Un- the Fall of 1956, Trinity Seminary located on the campus of Dana ege, Blair, Nebr. But since Sept. the Seminary has been on the bus of Wartburg Theol. Semi- , Dubuque, Iowa. This is an ican Lutheran Church Semi- Classes are held jointly with of Wartburg. We supply theo- al professors to the joint facul- Doctors Theo. I. Jensen, Paul C. olm, and Ethan Mengers.

takes four years after college to me ready for the ministry, three s of study and one year of in- ship.

osing before the Luther statue on Wartburg campus are some of UELC theological students regis- d at Trinity Seminary. They left to right: Gordon Christian- junior, Fresno, California; Carl sen, middler, St. Paul, Nebraska; old Nelson, senior, Ellendale, nesota; Richard Jensen, middler, mont, Nebraska; Paul Jersild, ller, Brooklyn, New York; Russell en, senior, Racine, Wisconsin; ld Olsen, junior, Culbertson, tana; William King, senior, Troy, York; Richard Andersen, mid- Kansas City, Kansas; Donald lgren, middler, Pomeroy, Iowa.

her Trinity students not in the re are: William Lawson, middler, ne, Wisconsin; Harold Laursen, ler, Ruskin, Nebraska; LeVern en, senior, Blair, Nebraska; Ralph r, senior, Greenville, Michigan; ld Christensen, middler, Eugene, Oregon; and Jerome sen, junior, Hartland, Wisconsin. — One hundred nine- ght students are registered in Wartburg Seminary. Of



these one hundred forty-two are currently on the campus, and fifty-six are out on internships. Together with Trinity students this makes a total of two hundred fourteen.

News and Notes

THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT W.M.S.

The Atlantic District W.M.S. met in conjunction with the Atlantic District Convention held in Montreal at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church August 29 to September 1.

A preliminary business meeting was called to order Friday morning August 30 by Mrs. Anna Henningsen, W.M.S. District President. The roll call showed twenty-five voting members present. A nominating committee, auditors, and a project committee were elected.

The regular business session was held on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Vilhelm Beck conducted the devotions.

A review of the projects of the past year revealed that a total of \$712.62 had been received. \$421.27 of this amount was divided between Dana College and the South American Mission. The Silver Anniversary Offering totaled \$291.35.

A goal of \$600.00 was voted for the coming year, to be equally divided between the South American Mission and Dana College.

New officers elected at this business meeting were as follows: President, Mrs. Fred V. Jensen, Salmonhurst, N. B. and Treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Hansen, Boston, Mass.

The service Friday Evening was sponsored by the W.M.S. It was our privilege to have as guest speaker Missionary Paul Johnsen. His message was both informative as to our work in Japan and challenging as to our Christian responsibility of continuing to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. An offering of \$102.00 was received for the Japan Mission at this service.

Lynwood, Calif. Allan D. Hansen and Douglas Toepel, pastors. St. Paul's Lutheran Church wins Sunday School Contest! Fourteen of the churches in Lynwood conducted a seven week Sunday School Attendance Contest that closed at Thanksgiving. The contest was based on which Sunday School could gain the highest

percentage of increase in attendance over the previous year's record. The largest gains at St. Paul's were made in the Senior High and Adult departments. Since many of the High School students attend the 8:15 service, classes were started for them following this service. However, right before this class they have a breakfast snack which consists of cocoa, donuts or coffecake. The High School Department has over 110 in enrollment. Duplicate classes are held following the 9:30 service, but no breakfast is served for these classes. All children from the seventh grade and up attending the 9:30 Sunday School first go to the 9:30 worship service and are dismissed immediately following the sermon to attend their classes. The Adult Department added a second Bible class especially for young married couples, which is conducted by one of the Pastors.

The Sunday School attendance on the last Sunday of the contest was 734.

Bay Area Lutherans in California will cooperate in backing the Billy Graham campaign which will begin April 27. Even pastors of the Missouri Synod will cooperate according to the Oakland Tribune.

The National Lutheran Council churches will conduct a PTR mission in the Bay Area March 16-20.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Rev. Sidney E. Jorgensen, pastor, is trying to find a site for the building of a new church.

There will be a Lutheran Evangelism Mission in the Fresno area Feb. 2-6. Pastor Sidney E. Jorgensen will be guest speaker at Selma.

Detroit, Mich. On October 23rd Dr. William Larsen paid a visit to Detroit and met with the members of the Church Council. It was a pleasure and an inspiration to spend an evening with the President of our Synod.

Sunday November 10th Helen Margaret Jacobsen, missionary to Africa,

was our guest speaker. That evening the Luther League sponsored a foreign Mission night with Miss Jensen showing slides and speaking of the work of the mission.

Red Deer, Alberta. Albert Rasmussen, pastor. Another successful has been realized by the member Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Red Deer, Alberta with the completion of their Every Member Program. The highlight of this program was the Congregational dinner of Friday, Nov. 15 which was attended by approximately 110 members. Ladies from Bethany served the dinner which was prepared beforehand by ladies of the local church.

After the dinner, five 4-minute talks were given by the various committee chairmen on the topic "Church." The sub-topics were as follows: "Its Task" by program chairman, Mr. G. Swanson; "Its Strength" by resources chairman, M. Sawyer; "Its Program" by public relations chairman, Mr. H. Schaefer; "Its Start" by visitation chairman, Mr. H. Madsen; and "Its plan" by general chairman, Mr. E. Cass. After the showing of a very inspiring film entitled "And Now I See" Pastor A. Rasmussen spoke on the theme "Working Together."

The following Sunday was Visitation Sunday when six teams called on eighty homes of the congregation.

The Treasurer's report gives the following figures:

Contributions from envelopes for the year 1956 (the year before the launching of EMV) was \$2,434.60.

Contributions from the year 1957 were \$4,847.07.

The EMV program to date is about 90% completed with still some visitation and tabulation to be made. A date \$5,900.00 has been made pledges for 1958.

These figures support the statement of the general chairman, "The program has proven its worth by the increased commitment made by the members each year."

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Editorials and Comments

JOINT UNION COMMITTEE MAKES FINAL PLANS

Joint Union Committee planning the merger of the ELC, the UELC and, we hope, the LFC met at Minneapolis Nov. 21-22 to put final touches to the merger plans. They were almost completed, but it will be necessary to have a meeting in January to get the documents ready for the press.

The documents spell out in detail the organization of the new church to be known as The American Lutheran Church. The time table was also reviewed. The documents will be before the annual conventions of the four bodies in the summer of 1958.

Selection of members of the first boards and committees of the new Church will begin in November, 1958. The church will be organized late in 1959.

Plans of incorporation for the Church will be filed on or before 1960.

The annual conventions of the uniting bodies will be held April 1960, in Minneapolis. The constituting convention of the new Church will follow April 24-27. Here the new constitution will be adopted, selection of board members will be ratified, officers elected and the budget for 1961 will be approved.

On June 5, 1960, which is Pentecost, each local congregation will be asked to observe Jubilee Sunday and note the consummation of the union and its membership in the new church.

During the summer of 1960 the districts will have their annual conventions and the new districts of TALC will meet to organize.

THE NEW CHURCH PAPER

Publication of the first issue of the official periodical of "The American Lutheran Church" will coincide with the time at which the new church body begins to function. It will be Jan. 1, 1961, eight months after the constituting convention is held in Minneapolis.

Plans for the new church paper were made by the Joint Union Committee of the Evangelical, American and United Methodist Lutheran Churches at a two-day meeting at Minneapolis Nov. 21-22.

The committee rejected proposals to start the new weekly magazine at the time of TALC's constituting convention, scheduled April 24-27, 1960. Too many publication obstacles were involved, it was felt, in the transition from the present official papers to a single periodical.

As it was pointed out, the constituting convention in 1961 will not mark the beginning of the new Church, but will prove final steps necessary to consolidate the work of the separate bodies in order to establish TALC as a uniting organization on the following Jan. 1.

The paper known as "The Lutheran Standard," the official newspaper of the new Church will replace the ELC's Lutheran Herald, the ALC's Lutheran Standard, the UELC's Lutheran Standard. Possibly, the Lutheran Free Church's Messenger will be included, if the LFC decides to join the union negotiations. Their subscription lists will be combined to provide a circulation of more than 100,000 for the new paper.

For the articles of union, an editor will be named for

"The Lutheran Standard" between August and December of 1959. He will be elected by the Joint Union Committee and TALC's Board of Publication, subject to ratification by the constituting convention.

By action of the Joint Union Committee, the present papers will continue to publish from the time of the constituting convention in April of 1960 to January of 1961.

During that period, the committee suggested that each paper carry on its cover the words "published in anticipation of the appearance of The Lutheran Standard of The American Lutheran Church."

The committee further suggested that, between now and the date of union, the editors consult with each other and "plan their editorial policies and expressions to achieve a unified presentation and approach to the problems of the new Church."

The planning of the new paper is at present in the hands of a committee consisting of the present editors and a member from each board of publication of the merging churches. An extensive study will be made of present church papers in this country, both Lutheran and non-Lutheran. Officials will be interviewed and the readers of the present papers will be asked to give their views. The new paper must tell the story of the new church. But in view of the constant change of communication media it is important that the new paper be planned in the best way possible.

VOLUNTEER WORKERS NEEDED

We were intrigued by a news item that the United Lutheran Church has initiated a program whereby women interested in short-term full-time church work may volunteer for a year of diaconal service. The first fourteen women have just completed an orientation period at the Philadelphia Deaconess Home.

We think such a plan has great possibilities. We ask men and women to volunteer for service in foreign lands. They get very little salary, but we expect them to give full-time service their whole life.

Why should not young women offer to give a year's service as parish workers in congregations that may need it?

And why the women only? Why should not young men offer to work a year for the Lord in some congregation assisting the pastor? Such workers would get an insight into church work that might have a beneficial influence on the whole church.

Theological students are expected to work a year as interns in a congregation. During that time they get only the bare expenses for their work.

We know that Mormon young men give a year of service to their church.

Here is another idea. There is a great need in modern churches for more personal work, much more than the pastor can do. Why don't some of the members go to the pastor and say: You may count on me for so much work. Women may say, we are willing to give one afternoon a week, or more. The men may say, we are willing to give one or more evenings a week.

We are thinking of Moody who went to his pastor and asked to have a certain number of pews in the church reserved for him. When the pastor asked why so many seats, Moody answered that he wanted to try to fill them, and fill them he did with people he invited.

Church News from here and there

MANKIND FACES BROTHERHOOD OR EXTINCTION, SAYS STEVENSON

Adlai E. Stevenson said that the Soviet earth satellites are a warning that mankind faces the choice of extinction or human brotherhood.

The former Democratic Presidential candidate spoke at a dinner sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews at New York.

Mr. Stevenson emphasized that the "basic issue" today is not the supremacy of nations.

"It is the supremacy of man for good or for evil, for survival or suicide," he declared.

Science has forced humanity to a crossroad "from which there is no turning back, no escape," Mr. Stevenson said. "The choice is either extinction or the human brotherhood that has been the vision of visionaries since the beginning of time."

"What the 'bleep-bleep' is saying," he continued, "is that now the world has no option, that it must turn from narrow nationalism, sectarianism, racialism, that the only conceivable relationship among men is one based on men's full respect—yes, their love, if you please,—for each other."

In accepting his reward Dr. Compton said that while a strong and alert defense is vital at present, in the long run the only way to bring stability among nations is for them to unite on "some human goal worthy of their strength." He suggested that the American dream of a place where every person can grow to the best that is in him and where he is recognized for what he is and does should become the dream of the world.

THEOLOGIAN WARNS AGAINST AIDING 'EASY CONSCIENCE' OF MODERN MAN

A warning to the "professional religionist" to resist the temptation of "lending unction to the easy con-

science of modern man" was sounded at Chicago by a Protestant theologian, Dr. Robert E. Fitch.

According to Dr. Fitch the primary secular image of man in our popular culture is that of the complacent man. He described him as "a likable fellow—kindly, affable, decent." And he said "it is possible that he makes up a large portion of the membership in our churches, temples and synagogues."

But the "professional religionist," he said, must not "trim and temper his gospel to the pleasant amenities of a respectable piety."

"When religion becomes merely the sycophant of a culture of complacency," Dr. Fitch warned, "it breaks the law, it stones the prophets, and can only garnish the sepulchres of the righteous of generations past, while it no longer teaches men to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with their God."

Dr. Fitch also warned that it is not the role of religion "to toss tranquilizers to the despairing and the defiant."

"Our modern name for this fruit of a secular salvation is 'peace of mind,'" he said, "and we have assorted devices of positive thinking to encompass it."

The "intent" of these devices, he said, "is quite simply to enable those in the torments of despair and in the convulsions of defiance to join the comfortable congregation of the complacent."

Dr. Fitch stressed that "the first message of our faith against secular images and secular idols is the prophetic message of judgment." The other "message," he said, "is that of redemption."

That there is a cultural yearning for a "deeper sanity," Dr. Fitch said, is shown by the renewed interest in Shakespeare on the part of the educated, and by an increasing demand for the Western among the patrons of the movies and of television.

"For it is a characteristic of both Shakespeare and of the Western," he said, "that they reject a false complacency, that they welcome significant adventure with all its hazards, and that they hold fast to the distinction between the clean and the unclean."

"So it is the task of high religion to uphold the standard, and to administer the medicines of spiritual health."

CHARGES FAITH HEALING NEGLECTED

A Lutheran clergyman said that every Protestant pastor "faces the challenge of a greater spirituality of healing."

Dr. C. G. Wold of Miami told the Florida Conference of the Ansgar Lutheran Church that the practice of faith healing is growing among Protestant churches and ministers. However, he warned against the "ecstasies, near-frenzy and bombast" of some self-styled healers. And he criticized the tendency of healers to blame the patient's lack of faith when a cure is not effected.

"Jesus often required faith," Dr. Wold said. "But Jesus did not always demand it," Dr. Wold said. "In some cases the patient could not have had faith because of his condition or his ignorance of God and His divine person and power."

The pastor said the Lutheran Church is standing at an important crossroad as regards faith healing. "Our Lutheran Churches and pastors have not taken an official stand on the question of faith healing and healing services," he said. "But they have not censured pastors who attempt to practice."

A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A spokesman for the White House has confirmed that President Nixon has decided to proclaim the first Wednesday in October each year as a national day of prayer. The president will try to enlist the cooperation of religious leaders of all faiths so that the day will be marked by appropriate observances. Congress adopted a joint resolution in 1955 urging upon the President to proclaim a "day other than Sunday" each year as a national day of prayer for the United States. The lawmakers left it up to the Executive to select the day.

ANGLICAN ASSEMBLY APPROVES GOV'T. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON HOMOSEXUALS

The Church of England Assembly at London—by a narrow margin of 155 to 138 votes—approved in principle proposals to make homosexual conduct between consenting adults no longer a criminal offense.

The proposals were made to a government committee headed by John Wolfenden, vice-chancellor of Reading University.

The assembly's endorsement, after an unusually stormy debate, is believed to have greatly strengthened chances for the Wolfenden recommendation to become law.

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ollections From e Assembly

By Dr. William Larsen

unforgettable impressions were left with me from the Lutheran World Federation Assembly which was held in Minneapolis last August. They come clearly to my mind as I think of our synodical contribution to Lutheran World Action and to the work on the foreign mission field.

Helping Our Brethren in Other Countries

A Chinese pastor sat beside me during one of the sessions in Minneapolis, and he told me how urgent it was for him to return to Hong Kong as quickly as possible so that he might be available in his congregation ministry to his people. He told of the critical situation in Hong Kong and of the thousands of refugees in the city. He said, "I hope that the American churches will be able to make contributions so that more of the refugees in Hong Kong can be helped." There are over 400,000 refugees in Hong Kong. Some of our Lutheran World Action funds go to places like Hong Kong as we follow the exhortation to "bear one another's burdens."

Bengt Hoffman, the director of Lutheran World Action, told of the refugee work which has been done in ministering to the thousands who have fled from their homes because of the Communist oppression. Some have been able to emigrate to other countries, but others must remain behind because they cannot get a passport. He described the elderly woman who could not go to the United States with her children because of illness. Although the doors were not open to her, she was joyful that her children would have opportunity for a new life in the land of freedom.

Think of the pastor in Eastern Germany who remains loyal to his congregation in spite of the trying circumstances under Communist dictatorship. Think of how the pressure is put on him in many ways that we cannot imagine. Children and young people are constantly discouraged to become members of the Red youth organizations and renounce their allegiance to Christianity. A serious problem is how to get the necessary books and an educational program in the congregation.

Our Mission to Fellow Americans

When I saw the exhibits at Minneapolis, you witnessed how we are doing together with the other participating churches of the National Lutheran Council in the ministry to our own people. You saw the pictures of the service stations which are located in strategic areas for the young men and women who are in the armed forces. Literature and materials are provided our chaplains who preach the Word as they follow the young people who come from our congregations and are stationed all over the country.

Remember, too, the work that we are doing on the university campuses in our own land. We are living in a time when there is call for highly trained people in all the fields of knowledge. Buildings must be provided for ministry in the academic community, and pastors are called to teach, counsel, and preach to university students.

Foreign Missions

Do not soon forget the roll call of churches as we opened the Assembly and marched to the service in the auditorium. To hear the call to the churches from many parts of the world and to see the representatives of the churches

take their place brought to my mind the work of the church through many years on the mission field. They came from India, Japan, Sumatra, South America, Africa, and many other places. It was a joy to see the fruit of the labor in mission fields around the world. Here was a living demonstration of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and women from many geographical areas of the world. Christ has become the Savior, Lord, and God of these people through the faithful witness of His church.

Our synod has mission work in Africa, South America, India, and Japan. Through our missionaries we are bringing the Gospel of Christ to people who have not heard. After the Assembly Pastor Ezra traveled in many of our congregations and told of the work in Sudan. You remember his message of thanksgiving to the congregations for the work that we have been given to do. He asked that we continue to pray for our mission work.

Opportunities in Japan

In a study made among rural families in Japan and reported in *The Christian Century* it was found that 84% of those interviewed indicated that Buddhism was their religion, and 14% expressed a preference for Shintoism. These figures can be misleading, however, since 66% of those interviewed said that they had no religious belief.

From my own experience in working with Japanese students on an American university campus, I found that most of them had no particular religious faith. This means that in the country of Japan the door is open to the work of missionaries. Now is the time when work can be done in the name of Christ and for His sake.

According to the above study 69% indicated that they had never heard of Christianity, and 13% gave no response when asked if they were interested. This means that 18% had heard of the Christian faith.

When the question was directed to the 18% who had heard of the Christian faith as to whether they were interested in Christianity, about 77% said that they did not know anything about it and had no interest, but 15% indicated that they wanted to know more about it.

According to these figures, therefore, it would seem that at least 5.8 million farmers are interested in knowing something about Christianity. Almost seven times the present number of Christians in Japan (one-half of one percent are Christians in Japan) said that Christianity is much needed. Even though the survey was of a limited nature, it brings into sharp focus the opportunity in Japan now for bringing the Christian witness to these people.

Our Opportunity for Sharing

These recollections from the Assembly reinforce for me the need for a stronger benevolent program in our foreign missionary work, and I am more strongly convinced of the blessings that come through Lutheran World Action to thousands of people both in our own land and all over the world.

At the end of the calendar year our books close for contributions for the Foreign Mission Budget of the U.E.L.C. and also for Lutheran World Action. I am writing this article for publication in *The Ansgar Lutheran* during the week when we are preparing to gather with our families in our churches for Thanksgiving services. We are grateful to God for the blessings that have come to us in having the privilege of being participants in bringing the loving Christ to the hearts of our brothers and sisters.

In the fellowship of the Christian church we reach out across the seas and to our neighbor in our own community. The Lutheran World Federation Assembly was a reminder of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is in Him that we rejoice and offer our gifts to His work. His Spirit makes use of our witness that His name may be glorified.

The Washington Observer

By Gerhard E. Lenski

GREATEST MOVIE OF ALL

From present reports Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments," has already been or soon will be proven to be the greatest movie yet produced, all this, of course, from the viewpoint of total attendance and gross financial return.

The movie business is said to be in the doldrums these days with public entertainment in a state of transition, even also one of great perturbation. In spite of these conditions, this Biblical screen drama has gone on from success to success. After more than a year's showing, it continues to appear in some 800 theaters across the land and there is the as-yet untouched foreign market to enrich still further the coffers of the producers.

Yes, this picture has been sharply criticized. There have been those who objected to Mr. DeMille's realistic treatment of the miraculous. Others have faulted his use of the spectacular, the dramatic, the sentimental. But the general public has been little influenced by these disparagements as attendance figures and office receipts so eloquently testify.

What does the church think about this picture? There should be little dissent in framing a general answer. "The Ten Commandments" is not a perfect picture nor can it be expected to please all. But it is an excellent picture. It is basically true to Scripture and it does honor those great truths upon which morality and religion rest. The success of the picture should be a source of satisfaction to our church people. If the

church is to approve any modern movies, it will do well to include "The Ten Commandments" in the number of such and even to add a little star indicating special distinction.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S CHALLENGE

"What the world today needs even more than a giant leap into space is a giant step toward peace!"

Our President's reply to Mr. Krushchev's taunt for America's lag in rocket development is one that should strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all thinking people. Science dedicated to war can only produce misery, death and annihilation. But science dedicated prayerfully to peace can bring forth peace on earth and good will among men, even those very blessings for lack of which our vaunted civilization is bound to perish. Arnold Toynbee's version of "the suicidalness of militarism" is a stern fact confirmed by history. The significance of that fact for our times needs to be grasped anew by all, especially by those now tempted to use new and added power for purposes other than those of peace.

As for those who shall honor our President's call and shall be first to take "the giant step toward peace"—let them be those among us who bear the name of Christ and who, in this holy season, call Him "The Prince of Peace!"

OUR DECLINING FARM POPULATION

The Census Bureau in Washington reports a decline of nearly 2

million in our nation's farm population during the past year. We were predominately a farming people. Today only 12% of the people live on farms. In the past year there was a decrease of 22,257,00 to 20,396,000, "one of the largest on record." Since 1900 the farm population has shrunk by 5 million.

In some respects this is a sad and helpful development. The farmers now produce more than a larger number did yesterday. Over-production is still a problem even with a shrinking farm population.

On the other hand, what about these folks who move from the country to the city? Many of them were fine, faithful church members back on the farm. Are they still in the city? What about the thousands who leave the North and head for Florida? What about these still larger numbers streaming from the Midwest into the West, California and elsewhere? The Church following them, meeting their needs? Or is the Church content to an older pattern and unwilling to solve the present problem?

Now is the time for our church planners and our church leaders and our college developers to study population trends, to study about sectionalism and even about icalism, to enlarge vision and to join hands in tackling the problem which, in some respects, is new and real as that which led to the migration of our fathers to the shores once created. Now is the time — now — not tomorrow.

THINKING ALIKE

"Do you and your wife ever think the same?" Mr. Tucker asked his next-door neighbour, Mr. Alderson. He had been hearing so much about coming from the Alderson home he had to know.

"Oh, yes," Mr. Alderson replied. "Whenever I'm out late we both keep thinking what she'll say when I get home, and so do I."

Thank | God | For | Death

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

Recently I took part in the funeral of a man paralyzed 21 years ago, and who had been almost helpless ever since. At this time his devoted wife had borne the family load and had nursed him faithfully. And much of this burden she herself has been under treatment for cancer and for other ills. The young pastor had all this in mind when he began his opening prayer in the service, "Lord, we thank Thee for life—and for death." His last phrase, I think, was new to me. I said so in beginning my talk, and added, "Why not? why indeed, when we do not frankly regard death as God's good angel, come to release the dear person from hopeless suffering, and to open the gate into one's higher stage of being?"

Who doesn't think of numerous helpless sufferers to whom death should be viewed as God's messenger of mercy? This is more than theory; it is experience. I saw my own mother for months suffer excruciating agony with a dreadful heart. I heard her plead with God piteously, "O God, ease my pain, or do let me die!" And I never was more thankful than when the end came.

I have come to believe that even the loved ones ought to be helped frankly to feel and to express this attitude, when life has become intolerable and death is certain. And for two good reasons: first, the Christian view of death is that it is a purely natural event in the total life process, a mere step upward into a higher state of being, even as the caterpillar emerges into the stage of the butterfly; second, it is neither wisdom nor a virtue to cling to life when it becomes hopeless misery.

I never could forget the remark of the eminent doctor at the head of a state sanatorium for tubercular patients in a public address. He painted vividly those beyond all hope of recovery, yet suffering on without hope, and added sadly, "And the tragedy is, they can't die!"

Even as I write this a letter comes from a woman past 90 in Canada. She was the radiant friend of my mother when I was a child. I remember her as the most beautiful, queenly young woman I had ever seen. Her letter says, "My fine son-in-law has just died, also my sister! I am the only

one remaining of eight brothers and sisters; I am sick, and the pains are sinister. I may not write again. Please pray that my going may be easy." I shall pray for precisely that—not for a miracle, nor for medical skill to prolong a life that seems already to belong in the higher realm. Her sprightly letter adds, "No piece of machinery could be in daily use for 90 years without showing wear." Of course not. And she accepts it. So should we all accept gracefully the earthly limitations of ourselves and our dear ones, even though the age is far lower than 90.

Recently I had another letter—from one of the finest friends in the world. She says, "My father, past 80, is suffering heart-rending agony, week after week, in the hospital. I teach, but I spend the week-ends with him, and it rends my heart to see him suffer so." Yet the agony of both him and his dear ones is likely to drag on indefinitely. Each of us can think of like instances in our community.

Surely it would be a great relief to us and our dear ones if we all accepted the fact of immortality, death as but a natural event in our mysterious life as God planned it, and as his opening a gate for us into the next higher state of being. To accept that view frankly, to speak of it openly, would be to take away much of the morbid fear of death.

I think too we could then join sincerely in the prayer of the young pastor, "We thank thee, Lord, for life, and also for death."

FIRST MISSIONARY FROM ALC IN ETHIOPIA

The first American Lutheran Church missionary in Ethiopia was officially welcomed at the Mekane Yesus Church (Lutheran) in Addis Ababa on Sunday, Sept. 22. The church was filled to overflowing for the occasion.

Missionary and Mrs. Herbert Schaefer and their two daughters had arrived in Ethiopia on September 17. On September 10 the second missionary and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Rudy Wendel and their daughter, arrived.

The two families are already well established. Three apartments in a four-unit apartment building have been rented for one year to provide housing and office space. Furniture, office equipment, a station wagon, and a jeep have been purchased. Investigations are being made about buying land for the construction of permanent headquarters in Addis Ababa.

Two prominent laymen of the Ethiopian Lutheran Church have offered their full-time service to the mission. They have been accepted and will leave government employment at considerable financial sacrifice to work with the ALC in Ethiopia.

The board is calling for additional missionaries: pastors,

teachers, nurses, and a doctor. The most urgent, immediate need is a teacher for the Evangelical Lutheran College (high school) in Bishoftu, about 30 miles from Addis Ababa. This teacher would teach English and become the headmaster of the school. Other Lutheran missions are cooperating in the school. Qualified teachers interested in this position are urged to write to: Board of Foreign Missions, 57 East Main Street, Columbus 15, Ohio.

Missionary Schaefer, director of the new mission, writes in his initial report to the board:

"Never before have I found the blessings of the Lord so evident nor His hand in so many things. Everywhere we turn, doors are opening up; however, the times and the demands of the situation are such that our development will have to be rapid. Our endeavor must be a major one. The government, the people, and the church are not interested in 20 or 40-year programs. They want things done now! One minister told me; 'I'm interested in action now. If you can promise me intelligent and large-scale effort, I'll help you in every way I can.' The church, too, feels that it is at the crossroads in the development of this country."

Our Foreign Mission Fields

IT HAPPENED IN SOGAMOSO

By Arnfeld C. Moreck

At 10:30 a.m., November 3d, 1957, in the corridor of a newly erected building in Sogamoso, the choir, in wine-colored robes, burst into singing "Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of Creation." Followed by the officers of the local congregation, seven pastors and the architect, the procession made its way to the main entrance of the building. There in a simple ceremony the architect and builder, Dr. Hector Moreno Diaz, former governor of Boyaca and honored civic leader of the city, handed over the keys to the Mission Superintendent who in turn gave them to the local pastor, Gerardo Wilches. Having read Psalm 122, Wilches opened the door and 320 worshippers reverently entered the new chapel auditorium to the strains of "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty . . ."

The joy of God's presence filled the sanctuary as His Name was invoked in prayer, praise and exuberant song. "All things are sanctified by the Word of God and prayer." So also this building. Greetings were brought from other Lutheran congregations in Colombia, from Dr. Schiotz, President of the ELC, the Foreign Mission Board, from the WMF whose generous giving made possible the building, and from Pastor Carroll Hinderlie in person as also from the Young People's Luther League which he represents.

Dr. Moreno spoke briefly and earnestly commending our church for the cultural and spiritual impact made on the city by our presence and the significance of this new building.

The male quartette from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bogota ably interpreted the Spanish version of "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand." Pastor Julio C. Orozco preached the Word with fervor and understanding, using as his theme the words of our Lord, "on this Rock." The three great principles of the Reformation, "The Word alone," "Grace alone," "Faith alone," were sculptured in his lucid Spanish with unusual clarity and applied by the Spirit Himself to the hearts of the hearers. This historic service was climaxed with the Lord's supper and we, dismissed with the blessing millenniums old, were sure that God had especially blessed, protected and guided during the construction and dedication of this building. To Him be all glory now and forever!

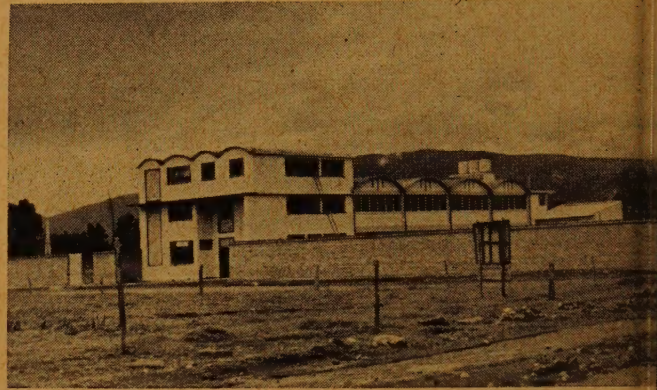
The building had been filled to more than capacity on Reformation Day when over 450 saw the Spanish version of "Martin Luther" on the screen. It had been the home of the Luther League delegates who met for the second "congreso nacional" of the "Youth of the Mighty Fortress." Guest speaker was the Rev. Carroll Hinderlie, Executive Secretary of the Luther League of the ELC.

To the small, recently-organized congregation of Sogamoso these festive days were encouraging. Members had worked hard to have all in readiness. Mr. Castellanos, member of church council and business manager of the local newspaper, printed the programs. The city light company had the new power line brought to our door. The power was turned on 90 minutes before the Luther Film was to be shown.

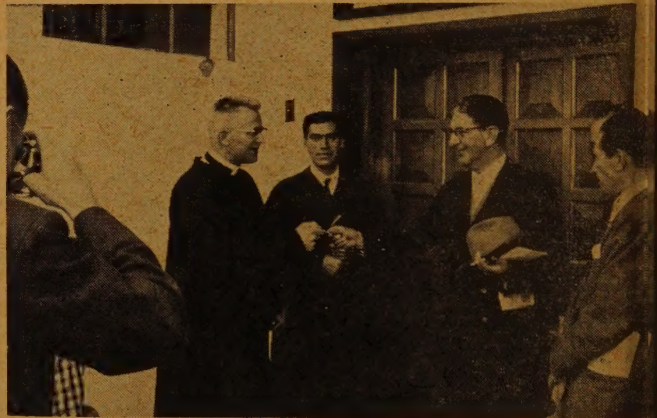
We give thanks to God for the realization of a great dream and to you in the North who with your gifts and prayers were instrumental in making it a reality in our midst. As you have helped us build with stones and mortar, so your continued prayers will be a power in the building of this temple of living stones built upon the One Foundation which is Christ Jesus.

Edited by Rev. K. B. Jensen

Viborg, South Dakota



New Chapel Building in Sogamoso, Colombia, dedicated November 3, 1957



Architect, Dr. Hector Moreno Diaz, hands keys to Pastor A. C. Moreck, Mission Superintendent. Local pastor, Gerardo Wilches, looks on.



Pastor Gerardo Wilches of Sogamoso addresses his people at dedication service.

Report Made by LWF Leader Visit to Bishop Ordass

Bishop Lajos Ordass of the Lutheran Church of Hungary found to be healthy and active by a Lutheran leader who visited him for a few days in late November.

Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, declined to comment on a report Bishop Ordass was in serious political trouble. But he left the impression this was not so.

He said assurances had been received that Bishop Ordass would be permitted to attend LWF meetings in Frankfurt, Germany in February, and in Strasbourg, France, next October.

In a telephone interview with the Minneapolis Star, conducted on his arrival in Vienna, Austria, from Budapest, Lund-Quist said the Hungarian Lutheran Church and representatives of the Communist government are in the middle of negotiations "regarding several questions which have arisen in the last ten months." He did not explain these questions are.

The LWF executive confirmed a report that Bishop Ordass has been elected to the National Council of the government-sponsored Patriotic Popular Front, a political organization which sponsors campaigns in favor of government programs. Its membership includes both Communists and non-Communists.

Lund-Quist said Roman Catholic and Reformed church leaders have been members of the national front since the government now wanted to add a Lutheran church. Bishop Ordass accepted the invitation, he added, on the basis that it was useful to the Hungarian people.

According to the latest issue of the Hungarian Church News received here, Bishop Ordass addressed a national congress of the Popular Front.

"We are united in the thought," he was quoted as saying, "that our souls are being gripped by horror, lest our country should sink into the depths of destruction and misery. If it is the desire of all of us, that we should live in a happy and prosperous Hungary, we must face the task to unite all good forces in the realization of our decided aim."

The Patriotic Popular Front and an all-embracing cooperation between all of us can be made possible only if everybody places on the altar of our fatherland, what he can accomplish best of all. When we wish to reach our end, to create a happy and prosperous country, the church wants to serve this aim by its best ability."

Other press dispatches reported that vice-presidents of the Patriotic Popular Front include Jozsef Darvas, a Communist who was prominent in the Hungarian Lutheran Church in the years after the government gained control of the most important offices of the church in 1948. In 1950 he was expelled by the Rakoski regime as the first Protestant to be expelled from the Ministry of Religion and Education.

Another vice president is Premier Janos Kadar and other high-ranking Communists also hold office in the organization.

In his interview with the Minneapolis Star, Dr. Lund-Quist said the church situation in Hungary now is similar to what he found when he visited the country last February. At that time he reported the Lutheran Church "at the moment" was being permitted to "preach freely, to teach the people and to visit the sick."

He told the Star that attendance at worship services is excellent, and that the Lutheran theological academy has more day students than last year.



THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

The Dana Folk Dancers made their 1957 debut Friday evening, when the sixteen students from all parts of the country presented a program of folk dances, most of them of Danish origin, at a public program.

The group is sponsored by the Dana Chapter of The American-Scandinavian Foundation. Sandra Thomsen, junior student from Omaha, is the director. She appeared in 1954 with the Danish Folk Dancers at Omaha's Festival of Nations.

While folk dancing at Dana is not new, this was the first time the collegiate dancers have had a permanent organization and also the first time they have appeared in their new costumes. Both the men's and women's costumes are adaptations of original Danish regional dress. So much interest was aroused in the project that contributions in cash and materials have come from as far away as Minnesota and Illinois.

The work on the costumes was done by Sandra and Donna Byriel, sophomore from Exira, Iowa. Donna is president of the Home Economics Club. Ladies at the Good Shepherd Home in Blair became interested in the project and volunteered to crochet special designs for the women's bonnets and aprons.

Another feature of the program was a few numbers by the Danish class. Some of the songs sung by the student group were: "Spurven sidder stum bag kvist" and "Marken er mejet." Community singing of Danish songs in translation completed the evening's entertainment.

All in all, the Folk Dancers and singers provided a program that will long be remembered by those who attended. Dana's Public Relations Department will endeavor in the future to arrange other performances for the group as the year progresses.

Student's Poem Published

A junior student from Green Bay, Wisconsin, will represent Dana in the **Annual Anthology of College Poetry**. John Klug's **Sunrise** was selected for publication in the annual from among thousands of poems submitted to the National Poetry Association. The Anthology is a compilation of the finest poetry written by college men and women of America, and represents colleges from every section of the country. John is an English major and plans to teach upon graduation.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

The Old One

(A Story of Bethlehem)

By John W. Nielsen

A stooped figure moved slowly down the road. Her shawl, which somehow seemed too large for her withered frame, dragged in the dirt. Already its borders had collected a generous portion of the mud and waste that littered the way. The old woman might have prevented the garment from dragging, but evidently she felt the need for doing so only when she came to the puddles that barred her way. At such times she hoisted her skirts above her ankles, gathered the wide folds of her shawl about her, and, instead of trying to circumvent the muddy pool, walked directly through it. Having passed the obstacle, her wrinkled hands let loose the shawl and skirts which fell again to the mire as she continued on her way.

Her approach interrupted the conversation of two men standing in the doorway of one of the dwellings that lined the street and provided them a new subject.

"The old one's still tetch'd, huh?"

"Yeah, there don't seem to be no hope for her," replied the younger of the two. "Sometimes she's pretty good, but then, wham! off she goes again."

"Still thinks she's the mother of Israel?" inquired the first.

"Ever since that day in the synagogue! Crazy how she gets notions. Nothing can change her mind on that score. Now she even thinks she's the mother of the Messiah, it seems!" At that neither man could suppress a short laugh.

"Shouldn't laugh at her though, really. She's had a rough time of it." Again it was the older of the two who spoke.

"Sure, sure, I know it. It's not easy to lose one's old man and two grown sons in one week. Wouldn't have been so bad if Aaron and Elimelech had had children. But this way she's got no one except us. We try to do the best we can for the old lady, but I tell you it's not easy. Sometimes I wonder how long Joanna can take

it. Sure, she's had a rough time of it, but that doesn't mean she had to get notions every time she hears the ruler read in the synagogue! What was it? Something about the barren having more children than the married. Found some place in Isaiah or Micah or some place. And what does she do! She ups and sews thread for every baby in Bethlehem because she thinks she'll wreck us yet the way she gives thread away." It was the younger, whose father was a kinsman of the old lady, who spoke.

"Too bad, too bad," murmured the other.

"At least she's happier this way, thinking she's got a family," continued Eliud, the kinsman. "She uses to carry on something awful. Either she'd cry all the time, beating her breast and pulling at her hair, or she'd just sit and stare, never moving or saying a thing, only holding her arms like she held a baby. I don't know which was worse. Both ways was bad. Now at least, she's busy and almost happy. Even sings some times. But it's not easy, having a queer one around like knowing that folks are laughing and talking. Uses to make me real ashamed. Now I just laugh too, and she makes me mad. Let her have her way. Even her Mara. She's got herself all mixed up with Naamah of old."

Having gathered her garments about her to cross the last puddle, the old woman was but a short distance from them.

"Look at her!" sighed Eliud. "No sense at all. Had her rags up to cross the puddle and then lets them drop in the mud. That's the way she is. Sometimes she's neat and fussy, and then again way off somewhere."

"Where've you been, Mara?" asked Eliud, when the old woman finally stood beside them.

For a moment after she was addressed the old woman just stood gazing before her. Then she raised her head and looked at the men. If she considered herself to be a mother in Israel, her appearance justified the claim. Her face, in spite of the mass of wrinkles, marks of grief, and the signs of suffering, gave evidence of a striking beauty that somehow had not

ely departed. Perhaps it was the dreamy look of
ging in her dark eyes that retained it, or the sharp
royal features of her nose and cheekbones that
ke of the comeliness that once was theirs. She
med to reflect her people's past glory and their in-
longing for something that they could not quite
arly express even to themselves. Sorrow there had
en, and deep loss, but hope still glimmered in the
one's face. A distant smile touched her eyes as she
lied to the inquiry, "I have had another child. A
Down at Jacob, the woodmonger's."

The two men looked at each other and shook their
ads as she continued. "He's a beautiful boy. Mind
of my own Elimelech. But he isn't any more." Tears
ed the old woman's eyes at the mention of her dead
and her voice quavered. But the wistful smile re-
ned as she said, "But I have other children. Many
ers. And I have made them little garments. White
es with the lion of Judah and the rod of Jesse work-
into the corners. There is a promise. One of my
ldren will be the Messiah." A bewildered expression
ered her face and the two men again looked at each
er as she said, "One will be the Messiah, but I don't
ow which. The road is muddy," she said, seemingly
hout reference to her former conversation. "I tried
keep my robes clean, but there is mud all over. My
ment is all spotted. The whole world is dirty. I'm
the only one. I don't think we'll ever get it clean.
ybe when Messiah comes. Do you suppose He will
en be able to make us clean?" The question was
ked hopefully, and then the smile returned as she
cluded, "And He is to be one of mine! I must go
w and start another little garment. Time is short."
eing the glances the men exchanged, she added,
ou don't think my work is very important, but it is!"
nd with a note of finality the old woman entered the
orway where Eliud and his companion stood.

Having taken off her shawl and neatly laid it aside,
e old lady selected a fine piece of cloth from a num-
r of such pieces which she kept in her covered bas-
t. With this cloth and a needle and some yarn, the
d lady seated herself on a stool by the window. Care-
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the cloth, counting the threads as she proceeded. Grad-
ually there appeared the familiar lion's head; then, as
time passed, the completed form. Only the scepter re-
mained to be added to the first figure. With great care
the old lady worked the royal symbol into the cloth
between the lion's outstretched paws. Then with deep
reverence, almost in an attitude of worship, the old
woman, as she so often had done before when she came
to this point in her work, raised her eyes to heaven and
murmured the words of Israel's blessing, "The scepter
shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from
between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs."

(To be concluded next week)

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

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DISCIPLINE

By Jean Hogan Dudley

I thought of discipline as harsh until
One day I watched a wise physician dress
A wound: his calm and steady gentleness,
The keen, clear mind to guide his patient skill
Were finely-trained, with dedicated will.
Long had he practiced to transcend his less
And clumsy self, more faultlessly express
His love in action and his art fulfill.
Watching his careful hands, I came to know
Only through patient, tireless practice can
We each release our powers, slumbering.
For all who seek to serve, who long to grow,
For every faith-filled, Love-filled, God-filled man,
Discipline is a strong and lovely thing.

—Watchman-Examiner.

VICTORY IN THE TEST

By Evelyn Rupert

"We glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:3-5).

One dear Christian lady from the deep South said, "Ah'm not a-goin' to ask the Lawd fo' patience, 'cause Ah know what'll happen if Ah do. Ah reckon Ah'll just git along with the patience Ah's got!"

We read in the King James' translation, "Patience worketh experience." In other English versions we find this word **experience** translated as "a mature character" (Phillips), "character" (Moffatt, R. S. V., Smith-Goodspeed), "ripeness of character" (Weymouth), "approvedness" (A. S. V.), "tried fidelity" (Synodale's French), "victory in the test" (Segond's French), "patience causes us to not be defeated in the things that try us" (Kirundi—the language spoken by the people of Urundi).

We would note in particular the Segond translation, "victory in the test," which is the same thought in Kirundi. Victory in the test—not escape from the trials, not deliverance out of troubles, not relief from the suffering, not even victory **after** the tribulation has passed. But victory, glorious victory, **in the midst** of the testing time! It is this, and nothing short

of this, that the Lord Jesus Christ wants to give to each of His children.

The missionaries were much perplexed and a bit discouraged because of the terrible backsliding in the church on a certain station a couple of years ago. Then one day the Lord came and began to convict of sin. Confessions were made and victories won by many who had gone back into sin. In speaking to the African pastor about it one day, the missionary said, "We had begun to think that the whole church was backslidden." And the pastor said, with a smile, "You were somewhat like Elijah when he said, 'I, even I only, am left.' And the Lord told him, 'Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal.'"

It is true that there have been periods of great backsliding in the church, but the Lord still has thousands upon thousands in all lands and among all races who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Oh, Church of Christ, let us look up, for our redemption draweth nigh!

"Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. . . And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten" (2 Chron. 20:15, 22).

"Before the winds that blow do cease,
Teach me to dwell within Thy calm;

Before the pain has passed in peace
Give me, my God, to sing a psalm
Let me not lose the chance to prove
The fullness of enabling love.
O Love of God, do this for me;
Maintain a constant victory."

—The Free Methodist.

O BLESSED TIDE!

By Constance Coote

There is a tide of blessing
Wide-flowing through the earth
Its waters fresh and stainless
As when they first had birth.
One and the same it floweth,
And yet with gathered force,
Still reaching some fresh nation
In its restless course.

Kingdoms may rise and vanish,
This river floweth still—
Earth's passing generations
Yet come and drink their fill.
What is this world-wide treasure,
This wondrous gift outpoured?
It is our Holy Bible,
It is God's Written Word.

Still in increasing witness
It is sent forth anew;
Into fresh tongues translated,
Where fresh hearts find it true.
Toil on, O patient workers!
Flow on, O blessed tide!
And through His Word, life-giving
May Christ be glorified.

—The Christian

A HANDCLASP

By Ruth M. Parks

We talked of simple, little things,
But even they were wondrous sweet
And every word wore shining wings
As always when we chance to meet.

And when at last we had to part,
And her dear hand was clasped in
mine,
It seemed that beauty from her heart
Could make my own a thing divine.

The worried mother waited until
after her child's violin lesson and approached the boy's teacher.

"Professor, how is Willie making out in his lessons?"

"Fine, fine!" boomed the teacher.
"His progress on the violin is very good. He's playing some very nice tunes now."

"Oh," beamed the mother, "do you really think so? His father and I were afraid we were merely getting used to it!"

CHURCH NEWS

(Continued from Page 4)

Strong support of the recommendation came from Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, who told the assembly that while homosexuality violates manhood it is just to make the homosexual a criminal.

He argued that it is unfair to brand a person as a criminal "while the one who breaks up a home by adultery or by habitually seeking his own indulgence by fornication, is regarded as still a respectable man of society, guilty of no offense."

The Wolfenden committee also made far-reaching proposals for the control of prostitution in Britain. These proposals, however, were not considered at the Church Assembly meeting.

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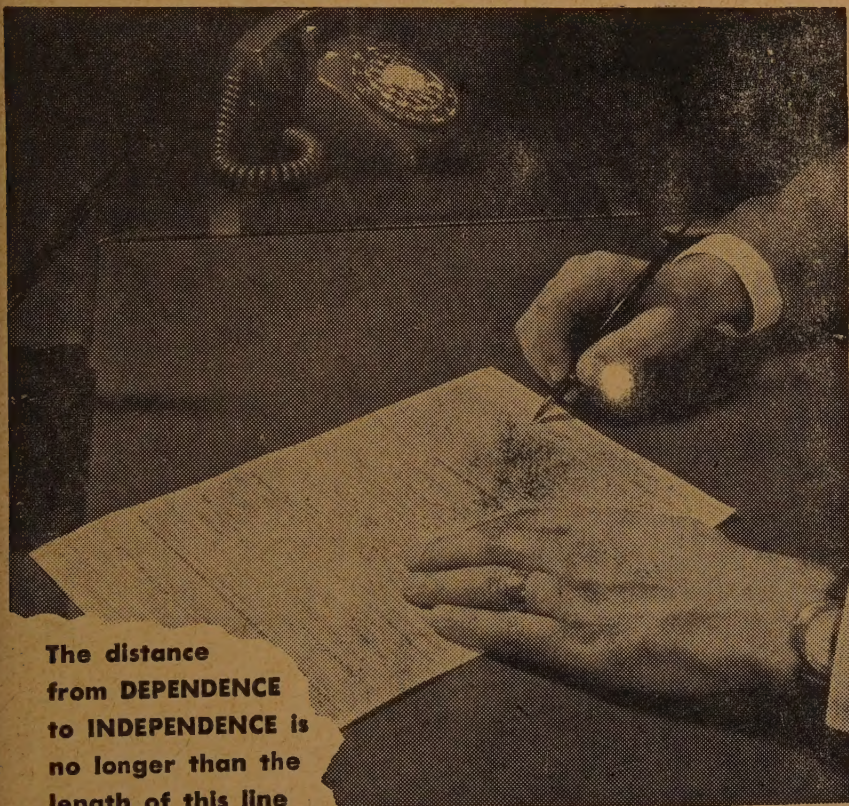
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Morgan, Minn., Bethany Ladies Aid, for Elim and Oaks Children's Homes	20.00	20.00		
Hutchinson, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lamp, for: Dana College \$2; So. Amer. Mission \$2	4.00	2.00	2.00	
Geneva, Minn., Community Luth. Church from: Friends, in memory of LaVern Schewe \$3; Friends and relatives, in memory of Andres Peter Thompson, Ellendale \$32, for Foreign Missions, Friends and relatives in memory of Andrew Peter Thompson \$12; Friends and relatives, in memory of William Dray \$20, for Home Missions	67.00	32.00		35.00
Westby, Mont., Emmaus Ladies Aid, \$10 each to following Missions: So. America, Santal, Indian, Ome, and \$10 to Rev. Wintner for his work in Japan	50.00	20.00		30.00
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Ladies Aid, from a member of Circle No. 1	2.00		Sa. 2.00	
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church, in memory of John Hofman \$10; in memory of Peter Hansen \$10, sent in by Martin Olsen for Home Missions	20.00	20.00		
Lindsay, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church	71.36	71.36		
Winnetoan, Nebr., Bethesda Luth. Church	81.42			81.42
Ruskin, Nebr., Daughters of Bethany Luth. Church	80.00		(F) 80.00	
Luverne, N. Dak., Luverne Ladies Aid for Children's Homes	30.00	30.00		
Kenmare, N. Dak., Mrs. Louis P. Hansen, for Santal Mission in memory of Louis P. Hansen, from Mr. and Mrs. Herman Simonsen \$5; for Synodical budget, School Fund and Home Missions \$50; for Extra-Synodical budget, Foreign Missions, from friends in memory of Louis P. Hansen of Nazareth Luth. Church at Kenmare \$50	105.00	50.00		55.00
Kenmare, N. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schou	100.00		Su. 100.00	
Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church	125.00	125.00		
Aurora, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rasmussen, credit to Bethany Luth. Church, Portland, in memory of Chris Pilegard, Easton, Calif., \$5; in memory of Roscoe Jensen, San Francisco \$5	10.00		(F) 10.00	
Viborg, S. Dak., Spring Valley Luth. Church for: L.W.A. \$80; Pension Fund \$82; Home Mission \$25; General Fund \$25	212.00	132.00		80.00
Racine, Wis., Marlon Jensen, \$12.50 each for the following Missions: So. America, Japan, Santal and Sudan	50.00			50.00
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Luth. S. S.	35.00			35.00
Racine, Wis., Our Savior's Ev. Luth. Church	1500.00	1500.00		
Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada, Bethany Luth. Church, from collection at time of Dr. Larsen's visit \$20.35; for Synodical Budget Missions \$42.33	62.68	62.68		
McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Ladies Aid, for support of Native Missionary in Sudan	120.00		Su. 120.00	
Bequest received from Hans Holm Estate, for Dana College and Trinity Seminary in amount of \$1,411.41				
Totals	193682.78	101929.09	*60897.19	30862.00

* Divided as follows:

Foreign Mission (Where most needed)	\$10,988.36
South America	10,842.19 (1957 Quota \$16,480)
Japan	12,656.62 (1957 Quota 23,780)
Santal	6,961.52 (1957 Quota 8,000)
Sudan	17,698.88 (1957 Quota 17,000)
Jewish	1,386.25
China	363.37

Total

\$60,897.19**

(\$65,260)

**This represents receipts for the calendar year of 1957.

DANA ON THE BIG CHAIR

By A. V. Neve

's student enrollment is on the se. With the expansion pro- that is now under way, Dana spect greater enrollment in the to come.

's location in the merged is strategic. When we look at location in the merged church, is in an enviable location, be- she will be the only college in e area from which she can ex- o draw students. The nearest of the merged church is tana college in Sioux Falls, S.

s encouraging to see how the of the city of Blair are support- ana college. And Dana has faith- porters throughout our Synod e United States and Canada. ts are sending their boys and o Dana, because they know that will meet the Spirit of Christ on mpus, in the dormitories, and classrooms. The Dana outlook Christian outlook.

as a thrill to be present at the d-breaking ceremony for the n dollar expansion program day morning November 21st. Dr. C. C. Madsen, president of college, gave a preview of the r Dana, I visualized how the er of Dana college, Dr. A. M. en, and the pioneer builders, X. Hansen, Dr. P. S. Vig, Rev. an Anker, Caroline Johnson, and , would have rejoiced to see ay. In the crowd that witnessed ound-breaking ceremony, I saw V. Hansen, son of Dr. C. X. n, now treasurer of our Synod reasurer of Good Shepherd Old 's Home, and Paul V. Hansen, grand-son of Dr. C. X. Hansen, s now on the faculty of Dana e.

The following is a recollection the 50th anniversary of Dr. A. ndersen's ordination, held in ord, S. Dak., where Dr. Ander- d Mrs. Andersen resided a num- years after Andersen's retire- Dr. P. S. Vig, who was the speaker, lauded Dr. Andersen s accomplishments, among which e founding of Trinity Seminary ana college. In his response, I y recall what A. M. Andersen ow the idea was conceived that ege would be built on what is alled college hill. He said that a time when he looked up to chair" on which Old Main is he visualized a school on that ." There is an old legend that ndians, who roamed the hills of Blair, called the site on which college is built the "big chair." ain and the two dormitories are on the seat of the big chair;

the ridge west of the dormitories is the back of the chair, and the incline toward the Kline house is the foot of the chair. It is symbolic that the Big Chair has been a seat of learning since the first unit of Old Main was built in 1886. The first unit of Old Main was built on faith in God and the good-will of man. Dana's future is just as bright as our faith in God's promises and the good-will of man. Dana is on the march because God is directing her destiny.

HOUSING THWARTS BIBLICAL ARCHEOLOGIST SEEKING JEROBOAM'S TEMPLE

A Biblical archeologist, returning to Pittsburgh, Pa. from the Holy Land, said he knows where the ancient Temple of Jeroboam is located but can't reach it.

Dr. James L. Kelso said the temple is buried under the southern edge of Bethel, 12 miles from Jerusalem, but "homes are so close together there that any excavation work is impos- sible."

Dr. Kelso is professor of Biblical Archeology and Semitics at Pitts- burgh-Xenia Theological Seminary. He left here last June on his third attempt to uncover the temple that Jeroboam I built as a rival place of worship to Solomon's temple in Jeru- salem.

Bethel was the chief sanctuary of the Northern Kingdom of Israel fol- lowing the secession of ten tribes un- der Jeroboam, the rebel leader. Jeru- salem was the capital of the Southern Kingdom of Judea after the breakup of the original 12-tribe nation.

In previous explorations Dr. Kelso unearthed a giant stone wall sur- rounding Bethel. He also discovered portions of the winter palace of King Herod the Great near Jericho. Herod was the ruler of Judea when Christ was born and ordered the infamous Slaughter of the Innocents.

Dr. Kelso did some digging at Bethel on his latest expedition and found pottery, coins and jewelry. The oldest item, he said, was a broken wine pitcher from about 1500 B.C.

His next expeditions will be to Herodium, a few miles from Bethle- hem, and Pella near the Sea of Gali- lee.

FIFTY-FIVE PER CENT OF MINNESOTANS SAY GRACE REGULARLY

Fifty-five per cent of adult Min- nesotans questioned in a Minnesota Poll survey said they say grace in their homes at dinnertime quite regu- larly.

Twenty-four per cent said they say grace occasionally, 19 per cent hardly ever and 2 per cent never.

The smaller the community, the

more grace is a regular home habit, the poll found. Of big city residents, 50 per cent said they say grace quite regularly; in the small cities, 57 per cent, and in towns, 62 per cent. On the farms the percentage was 52.

Of the 55 per cent who answered "quite regularly," women "outscored" men, 58 to 52 per cent. More Roman Catholics (68 per cent) than Prot- estants (51 per cent) said grace is a regular procedure in their homes. An- swering "occasionally" were 26 per cent of the Protestants and 18 per cent of the Catholics.

FROM A TEENAGER

Lord, I would not ask for mighty things, but for these simple things I plead: I ask that my mind be a quiet harbor where ships of beautiful thoughts may dock. I ask that my heart be a temple of love which keeps on growing until its borders engulf all mankind. I ask that my soul be a flourishing vine that reaches steadily upward toward heaven and God.

I ask that my religion be as a loaf of white bread that gives nourishment to me and my hungry neighbor. I ask that my life be a light kept aglow by the fuel of kindly deeds done for others. I ask that my friend- ship be a cool, bubbling brook where all races may drink its refreshing water as they go on through life.

And lastly, I ask that I, as a whole, be a living sacrifice, dedicated to the truth and clothed in the fire of righteousness.

—This was written July 14, 1954, by Wilma Curtis who was 17 years old.

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